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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed joint partnership between Comcast-NBC Universal.

The Greater Boston Chamber is a broad-based association representing more than 1,600 businesses of all sizes from virtually every industry and profession in our region. We provide leadership in creating a healthy climate for economic development and job creation. Our chamber is deeply committed to promoting diversity in every aspect of its work, and throughout the business, government, and civic life of our community. Comcast embraces these goals and our mission. We are proud to count Comcast among our membership.

Comcast's economic footprint and investment in telecommunications technology is an integral part of the Massachusetts's economy. Our growing IT industries are so significant that our chamber has dedicated an entire section to the high technology companies increasingly positioned to support Greater Boston's economic viability in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition to its role as industry innovator, Comcast is also a solid state-wide job generator, providing nearly 5,000 positions which offer competitive pay and good benefits.

We have also come to know Comcast for its dedication to corporate citizenship. In addition to its sponsorship of our May 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner, the company has noteworthy philanthropic and employee volunteer programs which enhance Boston's local communities. Comcast supports numerous community organizations, provides free internet and cable service to public institutions like schools and libraries, and has made a special

commitment to youth and digital literacy programs designed to narrow, and hopefully eliminate, the digital divide. In 2009, Comcast's charitable investments exceeded \$11 million dollars in Massachusetts alone.

The Greater Boston Chamber proudly supports activities that enhance business growth, employment and the overall well-being of our region. The transaction between Comcast and NBC Universal offers new possibilities for the telecommunications industry. I urge you to support this transaction for the potential it offers businesses, consumers and the communities of Greater Boston.

Sincerely,

Paul Guzzi

CEO and President

Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce

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